18. Raw wool imported by registered apex Handloom Co-operative Societies/State Handloom Development Corporation are fully exempted from import duty in 1988-89

19. Import and excise duty on various textile machineries has been reduced in 1988-89 Budget.

20. Import duty on M.E.G. has been reduced from 155% to 90% from 2-5-1988 onwards.

21. Excise duty on Nylon Filament Yarn has been reduced to Rs. 10.50 per kg. from Rs. 70/-perkg. if intended for use for the manufacture of Nylon/Cotton Blended Sarees subject to the conditions prescribed in the Central Excise Notification No. 208/87-CE dated 11-9-1987.

22. Polyester Staple Fibre is fully exempted from Excise duty if intended for use for the manufacture of low price fabrics subject to the conditions prescribed in the Central Excise Notification No. 191/85 dated 28-8-1985. The Polyester Staple Fibre is exempted from whole of the additional duty when imported into India for the manufacture of low price fabrics subject to the condition prescribed in the Customs Notification No. 276/85 dated 28-8-1985.

23. Excise duty on cotton yarn has been reduced in 1988-89 Budget. The reduction varies from one p ise onw rds depending on the counts of the yarn.

24. Viscose Filament Yarn supplied to the Registered Handloom Cooperative Societies has to pay 50% of the duty prescribed for other users.

25. Excise duty on polyester/wool blended yarn has reduced from Rs. 30/-kg. to Rs. 15/-kg. in 1987-88 Budget.

26. Under a duty credit scheme rebate of Rs. 43.75 per kg. on polyester filament yarn will be given for manufacture of fabrics under a programme duly approved by the Textile Ministry subject to certain conditions.

Government have constituted a Committee to monitor the selling prices of Polyester Staple Fibre, Acrylic Staple Fibre, Polyester Filament Yarn, Nylon Filament Yarn, Blended Spun Yarn and Blended as well as 100% Synthetic Fabrics with a view to determining whether the duty concessions given in the 1988-89 Budget are passed on to the consumers.

Dispute between CCI and NTC regarding payment towards cotton supplied to NTC

211. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any dispute between the Cotton Corporation of India and National Textile Corporation over the payment for cotton supplied by the former to the latter as reported in the Economic Times of 1st August, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Simplification of procedure to facilitate export of gold jewellery and gems

212. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to simplify and streamline the procedure for export of gold jewellery and gems; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Government have recently